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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PRC CADRE IN HONG KONG

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1. THREE SENIOR CADRE OF THE PRC APPARATUS IN HONG KONG --
NCNA DEPUTY DIRECTOR CHU I (DIRECTOR LI CHU-SHENG
IS IN CHINA), BANK OF CHINA SUB-MANAGER FANG SHAN-KUEI, AND
TA KUNG PAO PUBLISHER FEI I-MIN -- ATTENDED A LUNCHEON AT
THE RESIDENCE JANUARY 10 IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK.

2. FEI WAS UNUSALLY DEFERENTIAL TOWARD THE NCNA MAN,
TWICE GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO NOTE THAT PRC-SPONSORED EVENTS
IN HONG KONG WERE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE
NCNA BRANCH OR THROUGH ITS GOOD OFFICES. CONCERNING ONE
SUCH EVENT, A PLANNED ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION, FEI'S
EMPHASIS ON NCNA'S ROLE WAS IN STRONG CONTRAST TO HIS COMMENTS
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TO US LAST FEBRUARY (REFTEL). AT THAT TIME FEI
HAD MADE MUCH OF HIS OWN ROLE, SAYING THAT PEKING'S
CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR WANG YEH-CHIU HAD
PERSONALLY SELECTED HIM TO ARRANGE THE EXHIBIT AND
HINTING THAT TA KUNG PAO MIGHT SPONSOR IT. FEI'S
DEFERENTIAL ATTITUDE SUGGESTED THAT A NEW ARRANGEMENT
MIGHT BE TAKING SHAPE IN WHICH NCNA'S SUPREMACY OVER

OTHER PRC ENTITIES IN HONG KONG WILL BECOME MORE
OBVIOUS.
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